

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings, which include FIGS. 1-6, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-6.

REMARKS

Claims 8, 19, and 22 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 9, 18, and 20-21 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-7, 9-18, and 20-21 are pending.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 8, 9, and 18 contain allowable subject matter. Amended claims 1, 9, and 18 are intended to include all of the limitations of claims 8, 9, and 18, respectively, as well as the base claims and any intervening claims. It is therefore believed that claims 1, 9, and 18 are allowable.

Claims 2-7, and 10-17 depend from claim 1 and are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 20 recites a system for carrying out the method of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 20 is also allowable.

Claim 21 recites computer program code for carrying out the method of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 21 is also allowable.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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